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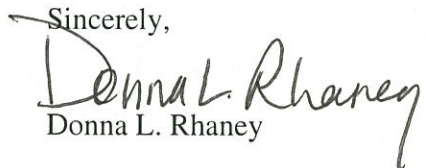
RE: Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment)
Docket No. 2022-1-E

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Please allow this letter to serve as the response of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS") to the Letter Regarding Procedural Schedule ("Letter"), filed by Duke Energy Progress, LLC (the "Company") in the above-referenced docket on December 17, 2021. The Letter pertains to the Company's Annual Review of Base Rates for Fuel Costs of Duke Energy Progress, LLC (For Potential Increase or Decrease in Fuel Adjustment) ("annual fuel adjustment"), filed with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina ("Commission") on August 9, 2021.

ORS does not object to revising the procedural schedule in this docket as requested by the Company. However, ORS respectfully requests that any revised schedule allow a minimum of four weeks to file its direct testimony from the time the Company files its direct testimony and at least two weeks from the time the Company files rebuttal testimony to submit surrebuttal testimony. A procedural schedule including prefiled testimony deadlines that are more compressed would create significant challenges for ORS to conduct its review of the Company's annual fuel adjustment and to develop ORS's testimony and positions for presentation to and consideration by the Commission.

Thank you for your consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

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